

ACAGE Board Meeting Minutes [Teleconference]
January 17, 2013

ACAGE Board Conference Call
May 23rd, 2013 @ 1:33 PM

Attending: Jorge Garcia [President], Conrad Keyes [Membership Co-Chair], Carey French, Peter Martin [CE Dept. Head], Kevin Eades, Debra Hicks [President-elect], Adrian Hanson, Tim Cynova [Secretary]

1. Meeting called to order. 1:33pm
2. Agenda accepted. Kevin's motion
Debra seconded - motion carried.
3. Minutes of April 12, 2013 will be approved next time
4. Committee assignments:
 - a. Faculty Affairs - Adrian not here to discuss.
 - b. Student Affairs - Not ready to discuss.
 - c. Membership - Over 200 member ballots went out, but most were not received. Lydia & Keith may resend out a batch in groups of 50 so that they will be received by the member computers; so ballots will be sent out again. There are about 40 – 50 paid-up members (plus the Life Members) that will be involved during the membership voting.
5. Potential 2013 Initiates:

Deadline to receive the ballots that were mailed out was today. Lydia will know by tomorrow who voted and how many came in.

Keyes - Board vote is ok as is, but for all initiates – will send out list with resumes (large file of over 50MB – will have to break up into many 5 MB E-Mails). List goes to all of the membership, but there are about 30 – 35 members that don't know about the ballot yet, may have to “hand carry” information to them. Therefore, the total will include 5 transfers from associate members (agree to by Board) and 5 carryover members who don't need voted on. Dean will get Honorary Member nominee to the Board for voting out within a week.
6. ACE 1988 Invites:

A 1987 initiate will come to this year's meeting from last year (Don Meyer). There are a total of 11 that were ACE initiates, Don Meyer will come and some 6-7 will be coming for Homecoming.

Scrapbook template will be done by Keith who was hired to help Lydia, to complete the templates for power point presentation. Adriana & Conrad had most of the information collected before going to the Navy.
7. Honorary Member discussion:

The recommendation from the honorary members - Walter Hines, and then Walter was recommended and approved with a board vote (5 yes/concur). How will the rest

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of the membership vote - Put together a new resume, updated version ready for distribution by E-Mail. Use revised ballot E-Mail that is set up for (#5) above, send out together.

8. ACAGE Program for October - Banquet Venue:

Need board members to send in feedback this week.

Use the standard program/ form with the new changes for 2013 and as soon as the names are in, location is firm, it should be mailed out soon.

We should expect a crowd similar to last year (maybe 80-100).

9. Scholarship Funding:

A detailed cost estimate for the courtyard project will be forthcoming soon. Then we will look at the money resources.

Will get with Paola Bandini, who is the assistant scholarship Programs Director, and we will spend all of the money in the program. An Academy scholarship discussion ensued. Dr. Martin says his policy is "spend, spend, spend".

Keyes asked if ACAGE has some funds for scholarships. Adrian said we need to know the rules/process to interface with the Deans office and to distribute funds.

Lydia says Academy has 20K in academy funds.

It has been several years since a scholarship has been given by ACAGE, we need to resurrect the scholarship committee. The donors are supposed normally have a say on the scholarship award and support selection.

10. Social Media Activity:

Some sixty to seventy graduates are now on LinkedIn (IN) or on Facebook (FB).

Keyes' efforts with social sites are making great progress and finding a number of "lost" and/or influential NMSU CAGE or CE graduates.

11. Other Activities:

Dr. Martin discussed ABET matters - ABET commission will meet in July 2013 to vote on the NMSU CE program; this vote will count for the next 6 years.

Dr. Martin wants to chart a program for continuous improvement to cover the next 6 years; will produce an electronic report to track.

Wants Academy involvement- committee setup

With ACAGE reviews and will be implemented at the October meeting.

Wants more associate members, place more water related classes in the curriculum, and will do a 90 min presentation at annual meeting.

12. Meeting adjourned - 3:34pm

Next meeting will be June 27th 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Cynova